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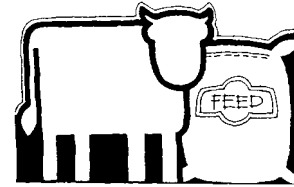


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January 1 Cattle on Feed

Iowa: There were 790 thousand cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on **January 1**, up three percent from **December 1, 2002** and down 17 percent from **January 1, 2002**. Feedlots with a capacity greater than one thousand head had 355 thousand head on feed, up one percent from last month and unchanged from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than one thousand head had 435 thousand head on feed, up four percent from last month and down 27 percent compared to last year.

Placements during **December** totaled 120 thousand head, down 15 percent and 13 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than one thousand head placed 65 thousand head, down 19 percent from last month and up 18 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than one thousand head placed 55 thousand head, down ten percent and 34 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Marketings for **December** were 94 thousand head, down 16 percent and six percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than one thousand head marketed 59 thousand head, down six percent from last month and up 20 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than one thousand head marketed 35 thousand head, down 29 percent and 31 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Other disappearance totaled six thousand head.

United States: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on January 1, 2003. The inventory was 8 percent below January 1, 2002 and 10 percent below January 1, 2001. The inventory included 6.53

million steers and steer calves, down 8 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.98 million head, down 9 percent from January 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.59 million, 1 percent above 2001 but 6 percent below 2000. Net placements were 1.49 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 421,000, 600-699 pounds were 507,000, 700-799 pounds were 407,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 255,000. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.80 million, 1 percent below 2001 but 3 percent above 2000. Other disappearance totaled 99,000 during December, 6 percent above 2001 and 4 percent above 2000.

Cattle on feed January 1, 2003, in the historic 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.1 million, down 8 percent from the previous year and 9 percent below January 1, 2001. The inventory included 5.61 million steers and steer calves, down 8 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.47 million head, down 8 percent from January 1, 2002.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.38 million, 4 percent above 2001 but 4 percent below 2000. Marketings during December totaled 1.57 million, 1 percent above 2001 and 4 percent above 2000. Other disappearance during December was 85,000 head, up 9 percent from 2001 and 10 percent above 2000.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements and Marketings by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots¹

State	Cattle on feed January 1			Placements during December			Marketings during December			December disappearance other than slaughter ²		
	2002	2003	2003 2002	2001	2002	2002 2001	2001	2002	2002 2001	2001	2002	2002 2001
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	305	289	95	30	25	83	26	27	104	2	4	200
California	480	490	102	50	55	110	50	55	110	10	10	100
Colorado	1,180	1,020	86	165	145	88	135	185	137	10	10	100
Idaho	330	295	89	51	44	86	59	47	80	2	2	100
<u>Iowa</u>	355	355	100	55	65	118	49	59	120	1	1	100
Kansas	2,480	2,200	89	370	390	105	510	470	92	20	20	100
Nebraska	2,230	2,140	96	300	340	113	325	370	114	15	10	67
New Mexico	108	119	110	14	12	86	13	15	115	1	1	100
Oklahoma	360	330	92	42	34	81	65	41	63	2	3	150
S. Dakota	195	205	105	35	38	109	34	27	79	1	1	100
Texas	2,880	2,630	91	360	360	100	450	400	89	20	30	150
Washington	247	180	73	38	27	71	47	40	85	4	2	50
Other States	415	335	81	68	55	81	48	65	135	5	5	100
U.S.	11,565	10,588	92	1,578	1,590	101	1,811	1,801	99	93	99	106

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
----- Thousand head -----			
Cattle on Feed, December 1, 2002	350	420	770
December Placements	65	55	120
December Marketings	59	35	94
Other Disappearance in December	1	5	6
Cattle on Feed, January 1, 2003	355	435	790

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter, State, and United States, 2002-2003

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows and Bulls		
	Jan. 1, 2002	Oct. 1 2002	Jan. 1, 2003	Jan. 1, 2002	Oct. 1, 2002	Jan. 1, 2003	Jan. 1 2002	Oct. 1, 2002	Jan. 1, 2003
1,000 Head									
AZ	302	281	281	3	7	8	0	0	0
CA	440	455	450	40	38	40	0	2	0
CO	675	585	585	500	440	425	5	5	10
ID	216	194	196	107	86	97	7	0	2
IA	230	200	240	124	114	114	1	1	1
KS	1,400	1,240	1,180	1,070	1,030	1,010	10	10	10
NE	1,330	1,030	1,240	855	890	870	45	40	30
NM	50	60	56	58	53	63	0	0	0
OK	210	200	215	150	125	114	0	5	1
SD	99	68	104	88	75	83	8	7	18
TX	1,700	1,620	1,630	1,177	1,097	999	3	3	1
WA	151	110	105	96	60	75	0	0	0
Other Sts	300	215	250	107	69	80	8	1	5
U.S.	7,103	6,258	6,532	4,375	4,084	3,978	87	74	78

Commercial Apple Production, Iowa and United States

Year	Total Production	Utilized Production	Price Per Pound	Value of Utilized Production
		----- Million pounds -----	Cents	Thousand dollars
Iowa				
1993	9.5	8.3	29.4	2,443
1994	12.0	10.8	24.4	2,634
1995	10.0	9.0	30.3	2,727
1996	11.1	10.0	31.3	3,125
1997	13.0	7.5	28.6	2,148
1998	8.7	8.1	28.6	2,317
1999	11.0	11.0	31.9	3,514
2000	7.5	7.5	32.1	2,411
2001 ¹	8.8	7.7	33.3	2,562
2002 ²	7.5	4.2	42.8	1,796
United States				
1993	10,684.8	10,573.9	12.9	1,363,944
1994	11,500.5	11,331.4	12.9	1,467,093
1995	10,585.0	10,389.9	17.0	1,765,582
1996	10,381.9	10,330.0	15.9	1,641,462
1997	10,323.8	10,254.3	15.4	1,575,403
1998	11,646.4	10,762.5	12.2	1,316,172
1999	10,630.7	10,446.5	15.0	1,563,582
2000 ¹	10,583.7	10,322.2	12.8	1,320,781
2001 ¹	9,428.7	9,214.4	15.7	1,448,348
2002 ²	8,592.1	8,474.2	19.1	1,622,135

¹ Revised. ² Preliminary.

December Livestock Slaughter

Iowa: Commercial red meat production in Iowa during December 2002 totaled 528.1 million pounds, down 1 percent from December 2001. Cattle slaughter was 52,800 head compared with 56,900 in December 2001. The average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,294 pounds, up 3 pounds from December of last year. There were 2.43 million hogs slaughtered in December 2002, up slightly from the same month last year. The average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 268 pounds, down 2 pounds from December 2001.

United States: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.86 billion pounds in December, up 1 percent from the 3.81 billion pounds produced in December 2001. December 2001 contained 21 weekdays and five

Saturdays (including one holiday). December 2002 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.11 billion pounds, was down slightly from the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.77 million head, slightly less than 2001. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,265 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.72 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.66 million head, 3 percent above 2001. The average live weight was the same weight as the previous year.

Commercial Red Meat Production: United States¹

Kind	Dec. 2001	Nov. 2002	Dec. 2002	Dec. 2002 as % of		Jan – Dec. ²		2002 as % of 2001
				Dec. 2001	Nov. 2002	2001	2002	
	----- Million pounds -----			Percent		----- Million pounds -----		Percent
Beef	2,110	2,164	2,107	100	97	26,108	27,090	104
Veal	15.7	16.9	18.0	115	107	194.3	195.6	101
Pork	1,668	1,709	1,715	103	100	19,139	19,665	103
Lamb & mutton	19.2	17.8	18.5	97	104	223.8	217.7	97
Total red meat	3,814	3,907	3,859	101	99	45,664	47,168	103

¹Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. ²Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

Turkeys: Number Raised in 2002 and Intentions for 2003, Selected States and 23-State Total

State	Number		2003 as % of 2002
	2002	2003	
	1,000 Head		Percent
Arkansas	29,500	29,000	98
California	17,700	16,000	90
Illinois	2,900	2,900	100
Indiana	13,000	13,000	100
Iowa	6,800	7,000	103
Michigan	4,800	4,800	100
Minnesota	44,000	45,000	102
Missouri	25,500	25,000	98
North Carolina	45,500	44,000	97
North Dakota	1,900	2,100	111
Ohio	5,400	5,300	98
Pennsylvania	9,900	9,900	100
South Carolina	9,900	9,700	98
South Dakota	4,800	5,200	108
Virginia	20,000	19,000	95
West Virginia	3,600	3,600	100
Other States ¹	26,100	23,950	92
23 State Total	271,300	265,450	98

¹Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin combined to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

December Milk Production

Iowa: Milk production in Iowa in December totaled 322 million pounds, up 0.9 percent from December 2001. The average number of milk cows, 208 thousand head, was 2,000 head above December 2001. Production per cow averaged 1,550 pounds, which is unchanged from production levels one year ago.

United States: Milk production in the 20 major States during December totaled 12.2 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from December 2001. November revised production, at 11.7 billion pounds, was up 1.4 percent from November 2001. The

November revision represented a decrease of 0.4 percent or 43 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,567 pounds for December, 18 pounds above December 2001. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.80 million head, 47,000 head more than December 2001, and 6,000 head more than November 2002.

December Milk Cows and Milk Production

State	Milk cows ¹		Milk per cow ²		Milk production ²		
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	'02 as % '01
	Thousands		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
California	1,618	1,676	1,740	1,750	2,815	2,933	4.2
Illinois	115	115	1,490	1,505	171	173	1.2
Iowa	206	208	1,550	1,550	319	322	0.9
Minnesota	500	480	1,460	1,465	730	703	-3.7
Missouri	141	134	1,145	1,180	161	158	-1.9
Wisconsin	1,280	1,266	1,435	1,445	1,837	1,829	-0.4
20 State Total ³	7,750	7,797	1,549	1,567	12,008	12,220	1.8

¹Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. ²Excludes milk sucked by calves. ³The 20 states are Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.



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